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Letter dated 13 August 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing in regards to a letter sent to the Security Council on 12 July 2013. In that letter, the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations falsely accused Israel of violating the Israel-Lebanon border on numerous occasions. Furthermore, and as outlined below, the accusations disregard many of the facts and intentionally paint Israel in an unflattering light.

- Claim: 14 June 2013 regarding a fisherman on the Wazzani River. In fact, two fishermen crossed into the Wazzani River and entered Israeli territory. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) warned the fishermen to return to Lebanese territory and then fired a single shot into the air when they failed to respond. Furthermore, the issue was discussed and resolved at the trilateral forum in July 2013.
- Claim: 27 June 2013 regarding IDF forces entering Lebanese territory. In fact, these soldiers were repairing a portion of the fence south of the Blue Line within Israeli territory.
- Claim: 2 July 2013 regarding two shepherds. In fact, two shepherds first crossed from Lebanon into Syria and then through the alpha line into Israel. Once they entered Israeli territory, IDF personnel arrested the shepherds and they were released the following day. One week later, one of the shepherds once again crossed into Israeli territory, was arrested and later released.

Rather than inundating the Security Council with unsubstantiated accusations, Lebanon should focus its efforts on participating productively in the trilateral forum, which Israel regards as the most effective forum in which to address routine incidents.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter to the members of the Security Council and have it issued as a document of the Council.

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